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Amdt. Dated May 5, 2004
Reply to Office Action of 01/05/2004
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Application No. : 09/618,235
Applicant(s) : D. N. Rubingh et al.
Filed : July 18, 2000
Title : PROTEASE CONJUGATES HAVING STERICALLY
PROTECTED EPITOPE REGIONS
TC/A.U. : 1652
Examiner : W.W. Moore
Conf. No. : 8554
Docket No. : 7670
Customer No. 27752

OFFICIAL**RESPONSE TO NONFINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner of Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 5, 2004, the time for response being extended by one month, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Remarks/Response to Office Action begin on page 5 of this paper.